

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a**

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a, a fourth grader at Kamehameha Schools, received an assignment a year ago from his third-grade teacher, to research his Hawaiian name; Kekaulele, as he is called by his family and friends, consulted with his grandfather, Walter Kawai'ae'a, about the history behind his name; and

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a discovered that the story about his name directly connects him to Kamehameha the Great, the chief who unified the Hawaiian Islands in 1810; and

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a learned that when Kamehameha's mother was pregnant; it was prophesied that the baby, Kamehameha the Great, would grow up to become a great warrior and leader of his people; Alapa'i, then-ruling chief, considered this to be a serious threat and ordered that the baby be killed upon birth; Nae'ole, chief of Kohala and homeland of Kamehameha's mother, spirited the newborn to safety allowing him to mature and fulfill his prophecies; and

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a captures the story of Nae'ole's journey across Kohala to save the future king in his book *Kohala Kuamo'o: Nae'ole's Race to Save a King*; and

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a served as the author of the book; while his father, Aaron Kawai'ae'a, contributed the beautiful illustrations and his grandparents serving as the source of the story, making the book an intergenerational effort on the part of the Kawai'ae'a family; and

**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a's book demonstrates the increasing vibrancy of Native Hawaiian culture and the strong connection of modern-day Hawaiians to their heritage; and

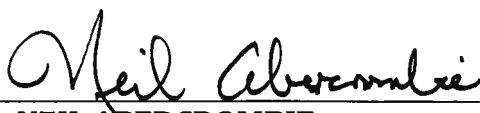
**WHEREAS**, Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a is being recognized as a winner of the 2010 Moonbeam Awards and will be participating in the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., on September 24, 2011;

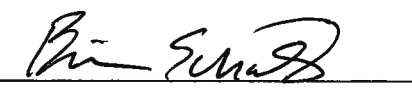
**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2011, as**

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the significant accomplishments Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a has made to the Hawaiian culture and extend our best wishes to him for continued success in the future.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of May, 2011.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i